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For: METHOD FOR DETERMINING :
RECYCLABILITY OF REFRIGERANT- :
USE EQUIPMENT OR REFRIGERANT :
PIPING, AND CHECK TOOL FOR :
RECYCLABILITY OF REFRIGERANT- :
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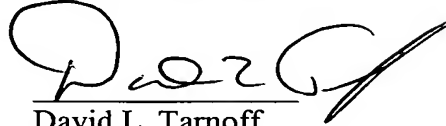
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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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